

of arms and ammunition leave Hamburg or Rotterdam for the Transvaal, comprising improved breech-loading rifles, machine guns and several mortars for dynamite charges. The Daily News, which appears to be the most reliable source of information, says that before sending a second dispatch, says: "If, as has been asserted on behalf of the Transvaal, all trouble and difficulty have been avoided, Mr. Chamberlain's dispatch last Friday would not have been so full of promises and threats. It is clear that the matter is not so simple as it is made to appear. It is in his power to get the command out of the hands of the British."

The Daily Chronicle says: "We understand on the best authority that the delay attending the receipt of the reply is due to the fact that the Transvaal is a peaceful settlement. The Boers distrust Mr. Chamberlain's proposals, and they are not convinced that he will increase his demands. Therefore they have been trying to approach Salisbury directly. They trust the premier as much as they distrust the colonial secretary, and if Lord Salisbury would give a pledge that the golden bridge was meant seriously they would venture upon it. We regret to say that this last offer has been broken. Lord Salisbury cannot go behind Mr. Chamberlain without creating a cabinet crisis. It is deplorable, nevertheless, that the state of affairs should be so serious. It is not true that Mr. Chamberlain intends to demand disarmament, a heavy indemnity and the withdrawal of British troops. It would only result in war." The paper suggests that the Orange Free State should be asked to accept the conditions of the Transvaal.

**SITUATION STILL CRITICAL.**  
**British Cabinet to Meet-Boer Preparations for War.**  
LONDON, Sept. 28.—The Press Association issued the following statement last evening: "We learn that the centers of interest in the Transvaal crisis are, in reality, in London and Berlin, and this consideration it is thought in some quarters, may cause a further adjournment of the cabinet. The future administration and financial control of the Portuguese possessions in South Africa are held to be an integral factor in the present difficulty. The friends of President Kruger urge that it would be maintained to insist upon a partial reduction of the forces at Pretoria and Johannesburg so long as Lorenzo Marques remains under the Portuguese government, and it is probable that the negotiations between London, Berlin and Lisbon may not be concluded until after the cabinet council."

The Pretoria correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "The Boers are being absorbed in war preparations. Many Boers oppose aggressive action on religious grounds. There have been local thunderstorms and rains at Johannesburg and in various parts of the Orange Free State." The Pretoria correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "Commander-in-Chief Lord Roberts is proceeding in the Kalkreuth district and probably throughout the Transvaal. Two thousand burghers are assembled at Wakkerstroom, which is eight miles from the Natal border and eleven from Laing's Nek. Twelve hundred have been ordered to Sandrivier, thirteen to the Orange border, where they will meet Orange Free State artillery, which has been lying long in this neighborhood for a fortnight."

The Odessa correspondent of the Standard Telegraph says: "Germany recently suggested to Russia the advisability of sending a fleet to the Black Sea, to the Transvaal and that Russia declined to have anything to do with the matter."

**WILL ASSIST THE TRANSVAAL.**  
**Resolution Adopted by the Orange Free State Volksraad.**  
LONDON, Sept. 28.—The decision of the Volksraad of the Orange Free State to join with the Transvaal in the event of hostilities, although fully expected, will naturally stiffen the Boers' independent attitude. The Raad's resolution has made the brotherhood of arms between the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, of which hitherto there was only a strong probability, an absolute certainty. The Boers have to face the situation. The Volksraad's resolution was as follows:

"The Raad, having read Paragraph 2 of the President's speech and the official documents and correspondence, and having regard to the strained state of affairs throughout the whole of South Africa, which has arisen in consequence of the difference between the imperial government and the government of the Transvaal, which threatens to lead to hostilities, the calamitous consequences of which to the whole of the South African Republic, and being connected with the Transvaal by the closest ties of blood and confederacy, and standing in the closest relations of friendship with the imperial government and fearing for the future of the Republic, do hereby resolve to join with the Transvaal in the event of hostilities, although fully expected, will naturally stiffen the Boers' independent attitude. The Raad's resolution has made the brotherhood of arms between the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, of which hitherto there was only a strong probability, an absolute certainty. The Boers have to face the situation. The Volksraad's resolution was as follows:

**FAIR WEATHER TO-DAY.**  
**Cooler in Eastern Indiana and Heavy Frost To-Night.**  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday:  
For Ohio—Fair; cooler on Friday; heavy frosts at night; Saturday fair; fresh west to northern winds.  
For Indiana—Fair on Friday; cooler in evening; heavy frosts at night; Saturday fair; heavy frosts Friday night; fresh northerly winds.  
For Illinois—Fair on Friday; frosts at night, heavy in northern portion. Saturday fair; fresh northerly winds.

Normal	Temp. 7 p.m.	
Departure since Sept. 1	52 0	
Departure since Sept. 1	—1 —0	
Departure since Sept. 1	+26 —0	
Plus	—	
C. F. R. WAPPENHANS, Local Forecast Official.		
Yesterday's Temperatures.		
Stations.	Min.	Max. 7 p.m.
Atlanta, Ga.	52	76
Bismarck, N. D.	32	48
Chicago	50	79
Calgary, N. W. T.	32	68
Chicago	46	52
Cheyenne, Wyo.	30	68
Cincinnati	48	74
Columbia, Tenn.	48	74
Dayton, O.	48	74
Des Moines, Ia.	44	54
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Helena, Mont.	40	76
Indianapolis, Ind.	46	82
Little Rock, Ark.	52	78
Marquette, Mich.	36	50
Memphis, Tenn.	52	74
Nashville, Tenn.	44	78
New Orleans	44	78
New York	50	78
North Platte, Neb.	34	64
Oklahoma, O. T.	40	70
Omaha, Neb.	44	66
Pittsburg	48	72
Rapid City, S. D.	34	58
Salt Lake City, Utah.	46	78
St. Paul, Minn.	24	40
Springfield, Ill.	52	60
Springfield, Mo.	54	62
Victoria, B. C.	52	78
Vicksburg, Miss.	52	78